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The post allowance communication filed November 6, 2009 asserted that French Patent 2054731 should have been considered along with the July 16, 2009 information disclosure statement. Upon further review, the Examiner determined that the Applicant was substantially correct and that this document should have been considered even though the reference to the parent case was not specific for this particular document. A particular reference for the particular reference should be made so that it is clear to the Examiner and the public where the information is located. After reviewing the corresponding parent application 08/754,566, the Examiner determined that this French patent was no longer in the file. The Examiner was able to view this document, however, on the EPO website and found a US Patent corresponding to this that he used as a translation thereof; see the citation of US 3,525,365 on the attached PTO-892. The Examiner regrets any inconvenience that the delay in considering this reference may have caused the Applicant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilic whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Isabella can be reached on 571-272-4749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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